

into effect, and the federal employees probably don't feel any more proud of this slight maneuver that was tried than I do or as agricultural interests, or as I'm sure we do in the state. What was proposed was that they take \$26.6 million from the Temporary Food Emergency Program. This program is the one that distributes the cheese, the dry milk, the butter, and rice, and so on to the elderly and the poor. That distribution is made about once every three months. Of the budget, this \$26,000...26.8 million (sic) is 57 percent of a \$50 million budget. So, we are talking about a good portion of it. Let me read to you some of the excerpts from the Federal Page and the Washington Post. The TEFAP Fund, of which is the Temporary Food Administration, authorization passed over administration objections in 1985, expires September 30. The deferral would prevent spending of the remaining portion of this years' \$50 million appropriation. The deferral message to Congress defended the transfer of this money to the salary increases by saying that the program is intended to be temporary and is no longer needed. Might I tell you some of the other sources that it is coming from. I want to remind you, it is not the federal pay raise that is involved. Other proposed deferrals are 56 million from urban mass transit, 27 million from the U.S. Forest Service, 20 million from rural electric and telephone revolving funds. Rural senators, listen to this, 20 million from the rural electric and telephone revolving fund, and 12 million from improvements to the Washington National and Dulles Airport. I think that this is another program, or another slight of the hand. The Senate has voted against this deferral, and it is now in the House right now. I think, the way I followed the news and so on, part of this is attached to the last slight of the hand pay raise of our Congressional and Senate members. I, honestly, probably don't expect this deferral to take place. I also wanted to bring out to you, along this very same line, a piece in the Lincoln Star, Thursday, February 5. I think Senator Schmit was going to address this. I'm not sure if he's back on the floor or not, I wish that he was. Two comments. If the 1985 farm bill has time to work exports will improve and farm prices will increase. This is from our Secretary of Agriculture, Lyng. Okay, this goes down further. The article talks about decoupling crops and subsidies. I won't go into that because of the time. Several senators...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute, please.

SENATOR NELSON: ...were harsh in their criticism of a proposed